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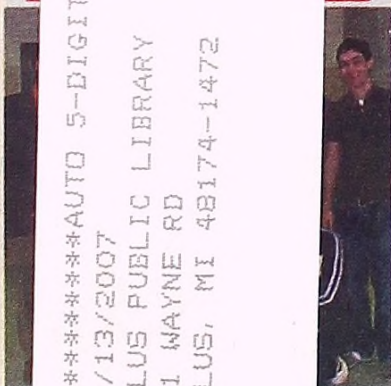


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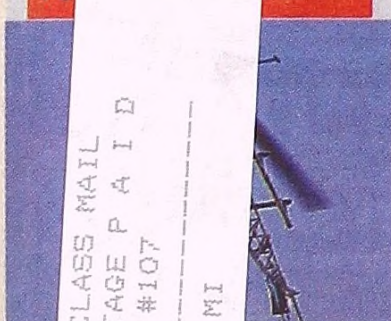
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A banner day

Military personnel returning to Michigan or passing through the Detroit Metropolitan Airport will see a big "Welcome Home and Thanks for your Service" message compliments of Vietnam Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion. A few months ago, airport management was contacted by Dan Charnock on behalf of the Vietnam Veterans Downriver Chapter 259 to hang banners at the airport letting troops know that their service is appreciated "We are very happy that Dan adopted this project and gave us the opportunity to show support for our troops," said Lester W. Robinson, the CEO of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport Authority. "The banners look great and, regardless of your politics, they just make everyone feel good when they spot them."

Injection well wars continue to rage on

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The controversy surrounding two deep injection wells intensified last week when the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) ordered the former operator of the facility to empty the facility storage tanks.

Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS), the partnership that operated the wells until leaks and emissions pushed the main investor to seek another operator, was informed last week that they will have to remove the toxic substances from the above-ground storage tanks using funds set aside by the company per state statute.

"We have asked that they take care of what hasn't been injected

into the wells," said Robert McCann, a spokesman for the MDEQ. "It's not unsafe, but we don't want it sitting there, either."

Meanwhile, Wayne County has petitioned the state to deny another firm, Environmental Geotechnologies, from assuming activities at the Citrin Road site. Greektown businessman Jim Pappas owns Environmental Geotechnologies.

Kurt Heise, environmental director for Wayne County, said Executive Robert Ficano has asked that the Environmental Geotechnologies request for a permit transfer be denied on safety grounds.

"There's a lot that we don't know about the new company," he said. "We would like to know what their track record is, and are they financially able to run

an operation like this. We don't think they should be able to just transfer the permit."

McCann confirmed that Pappas purchased the site last month and is seeking a permit transfer to operate the facility under the same parameters as EDS, but that doesn't mean Pappas' company won't face questions.

"I don't think we can say that we'd be comfortable just transferring the permit," he said. "We will be working out something with the new company and asking them how they're going to operate. Obviously what EDS was doing at the site didn't work, and we want to make sure we know what's going to happen before we move forward with

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Community shocked by drive-by shooting

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The victim of a drive-by shooting that occurred early last week was not a party to the argument that ultimately led to his death.

Aaron McAdoo, 21 and a 2003 graduate of Romulus High School, was visiting a friend at the Sky Harbor Apartments near Eureka Road and Brandt Avenue in Romulus last week when a shot fired from a .38 caliber handgun struck him in the back of the head.

"(McAdoo) arrived at the apartments to play basketball with a friend," Det. Sgt. Jeff

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He had no idea there was a fight. He arrived after the fight, but before (two men) started shooting.

Det. Sgt.

Jeff Lazarski

Lazarski said. "He had no idea there was a fight. He arrived after the fight, but before (two men) started shooting."

Romulus police investigators said that all indications are that McAdoo, who lived in Belleville, was an innocent bystander on the fateful evening.

"This is one of the most senseless crimes I've seen,"

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Detroit police officer charged for assaulting husband

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

An off-duty police officer landed in hot water last week when she allegedly fired one round from her department-issued weapon at her husband.

Detroit Police Ofc. Lathuya Weaver was charged in a three-count indictment March 30 at the 34th District Court in Romulus.

She is charged with one count of discharging a firearm in an

occupied building, a four-year felony, one count of felonious assault, a four-year felony, and felony firearms, a two-year felony.

Weaver, a 10-year veteran of the Detroit Police Department, was arraigned via video and quietly said "yes" when Judge David M. Parrott asked if she understood the nature of the charges against her.

Parrott ordered Weaver released on \$15,000 personal bond after her husband agreed to

allow her to return home and said there would be no firearms in the house. Romulus police detectives confiscated her service weapon after she was arrested.

Police received a call from the panic-stricken husband at about 1 a.m. on March 28, said Det. Joshua Monte of the Romulus Police Department. The husband reported that the pair had been arguing at their home on the 8300 block of Camden Street, and that she had fired shots at him.

"They were involved in a verbal altercation, and it unfortunately escalated to the point where she shot at him," he said. "We first received a call from the husband, then we received a call from (Lathuya Weaver), who said she was assaulted."

No one was struck by a bullet or hurt during the incident, Monte said. After an investigation, Weaver was arrested without

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Health center caters to area uninsured

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Neil Colburn has not worked in Wayne County for long.

But his experience tells him that the largest county in the state could be a healthier place 10 years from now, thanks to the arrival of the Western Wayne Family Health Center, which is tucked away on Hamlin road in Inkster, behind the city fire station.

"I ran a community health center in East Jordan (Michigan) for several years, and what I saw over time was that the people who lived in the community had fewer complaints about their health," said Colburn, who serves as the interim director of the center. "It was because a health center made doctor's visits affordable and accessible to an underserved area."

"The same scenario can happen here in Wayne County," he said.

Community Health Centers – which were created in 1965 by the federal government to assist low-income and uninsured Americans – serve residents that have traditionally had a difficult time paying for medical care. The first center opened in the Mississippi Delta.

Today, there are 34 health cen-

ters in Michigan alone that provide care to 400,000 patients annually.

The centers are managed by an independent board of directors comprised of individuals from the community it serves. Payment for services rendered is arranged on sliding scale to accommodate patients' budgets and payment plans are offered.

The center on Hamlin opened in August 2006 and serves all residents of Wayne County.

"We're trying to get the word out about the center," Colburn said. "We have a situation where many residents are losing their jobs – they're adversely affected by what's going on in the auto industry."

"There are a lot of people that are losing their medical coverage – but that doesn't mean people should not seek medical care," he added. "Sometimes, they are forced to make the decision about whether to go to the doctor or put food on the table."

So far, about 600 men, women and children seek care at the Hamlin Road facility, which is manned by a physician, a nurse practitioner and a staff of nine.

Colburn believes that's a drop in the bucket when it comes to the number of people that are in need of comprehensive health services.

"When you consider the population levels and the unemployment rate, you just know people are putting off medical care," he said. "That's one of the worst things you can do. People will often wait until it's too late."

"Often times people will wait until there's a crisis – we see that time and again," said Dr. Angela Ambrosia, the center physician. "At that point, the treatments are more aggressive and complex. It also gets more expensive."

Ambrosia said the most common ailments are related to chronic diseases, such as diabetes and asthma – conditions that can be easily treated in most cases, but which cause major problems if left untreated. Also, vaccinations for children are common at the center.

There are some persistent misconceptions about health centers, Colburn said. One is that they serve only people who benefit from Medicaid and other social programs.

"The vast majority of our patients work, they just don't have health benefits," he said. "It's not like they're not contributing members of society. Unfortunately, we're seeking more people who just can't tap into insurance because their place of unemployment doesn't offer insurance."

According to a State of Michigan Nora Crichton, the nurse practitioner at the

health center, said some patients struggle with the stigma of not having insurance.

"We always tell people that they're not alone," she said. "When people come here, they're treated with respect."

In the absence of broad-based policy change nationally, Colburn said he's like to see more people step forward to take charge of

their health, no matter what their economic circumstances.

"There's so much uncertainty out there right now," he said. "Ultimately, I think we need to get to a place in public health policy where access to medical treatment is seen as a right and not a privilege."

"But until that time, were here are we're willing to help."



Dr. Angela Ambrosia, health center Interim Director Neil Colburn and nurse practitioner Nora Crichton are the mainstays of the Western Wayne Family Health Center in Inkster.

Council approves by laws for group

Belleville City Council members approved an amendment to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) by-laws recently. It will add a new member orientation and training program for the group.

Each new member who is appointed to a first term may participate in the orientation. It will include instruction about the statutes and ordinances, by-laws, the Open Meetings Act, city code of ethics, the group development plan, the budget and financial system, organization participation and legal considerations.

A new member is also encouraged to attend educational classes and conferences designed for newly appointed members. The classes will be provided at the expense of the DDA.

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Candidate stresses accountability to city residents

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Danielle Funderburg had a bird's eye view of how things worked at the Romulus School District and would like expand her perspective further by serving on the school board.

Funderburg, a former parent coordinator at Wick Elementary School, is opposing against two other residents for a four-year term on the school board. She also campaigned for the seat last year.

"I wanted to give it another try," she said. "I still feel like I have a lot to offer the board."

Funderburg said she was motivated to seek office by the

cuts the district made last year and the ones that are likely to occur this year.

"Some of the things that are being cut are the things that put the Romulus Community School on the map as a great place to receive an education," she said. "I've been able to develop a well-rounded view of the schools from the perspective of teachers, support staff, students and parents. The district needs to work on staff retention."

One of the reasons staff retention is important is because the people who work for the district are likely to be residents of the city, said Funderburg.

"When you cut jobs, a lot of

those people actually live in the city, so you're also cutting tax base," she said.

Accountability is another factor that encouraged Funderburg to give school board candidacy another try.

"Taxpayers want more accountability in terms of how their money is being spent," she said. "This is especially so in light of the cuts. As a board member, I would make sure that if there are cuts, they are across the board, as opposed chopping one department."

Last year, the district had to cut 42 instructional and support positions to balance the budget. This year, at least nine positions are on in jeopardy.

Funderburg said that one of the things that sets her apart from her opponents is the fact that she has worked in the schools.

"I have a good idea of what a typical day looks like for all of the parties at the schools," she said. "It helps when you're making a decision that you understand what a day in the classroom entails."

Last year, Funderburg was defeated for the office by incumbents Celeste Roscoe and Ken Meinkiewicz. She has lived in the city of Romulus for four years, and has been involved in the schools about as long, first as a parent coordinator and now as a volunteer.



Danielle Funderburg

Funderburg is employed as a graphic artist. She graduated from Oakland University in Rochester Hills, with a degree in communications in 1989.

Three candidates are seeking one available school board seat. The school election will be Tuesday, May 8.

News in brief

City offices closed Friday

All city offices will close tomorrow, April 6, in observance of Good Friday.

The 34th District Court will also be closed.

Both the city and the court will re-open for business on Monday, April 9.

For more information, call the city at (734) 941-7540, and the court at (734) 941-4462.

Registration deadline looms

The last day to register to vote in the school election is Monday, April 9.

Residents may register to vote at the city clerk's office on the first floor of Romulus City Hall, or at any secretary of state office.

For more information, call (734) 941-7540.

Parks department schedules egg hunt

The Romulus Recreation Department annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place behind the new Senior Center, located at 36252 Bibbins Road. Parking is available at the center.

The hunt will begin at noon on Saturday. This year, there are four age groups: 3 and under; 4-5; 6-7 and 8-10 years old.

Some eggs will have tickets in them that can be turned in for special prizes.

The event is free for all families, but photographs with the Easter Bunny will cost \$2.

Children are asked to bring a bag with them to collect the eggs.

Pre-registration is not required. For more information, call Romulus Parks and Recreation at (734) 941-8665.

Self defense, stranger danger classes

The Romulus Recreation Department will teach adults and children how to be a little more aware of their surroundings this spring with a series of classes.

Stranger Danger and Self Defense classes will take place Wednesday nights. The classes will run from 6-7 p.m., and will take place at the department offices, at 11189 Shook Road in Romulus.

No pre-registration is required, and classes cost \$7 for a six-week session.

For more information, call the Romulus Recreation Department at (734) 941-8665.

Officer

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incident.

There wasn't enough evidence at the scene to indicate that Weaver's husband assaulted her, and warrant requests seeking charges against the husband were denied by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, Monte said.

Second Deputy Chief James Tate, a spokesman for the Detroit Police, said Weaver is suspended with pay pending the outcome of the case.

"We will do an independent

investigation into the incident," he said. "That is done every time an officer's weapon is discharged."

If convicted of any of the felony charges, Weaver will automatically lose her job, Tate said. If convicted of any lesser charges, she could be subject to inter-department discipline that could include anything from a suspension all the way to termination, he added.

If convicted of all of the charges, Weaver could face up to 10 years behind bars.

Weaver will return to the 34th District Court for a pre-trial examination at 9 a.m. on April 11.

Wells - New operating permit is opposed by cities, county

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any of this."

The license allows the wells to accept 11,000 gallons of waste from containers, 93,000 gallons in tanker vehicles and another 237,000 in tanks. Estimates indicated that about 25 trucks per day would be moving to and from the site.

The Citrin Road facility will treat up to 400,000 gallons of liquid waste per day.

EDS was recently fined \$75,000 for failure to maintain the wells and perform periodic checks to make sure equipment

was operating. Late in 2006, emissions and leaks were discovered at the site, and it was shut down until the problems were corrected.

Once the leaks were discovered, the Detroit Police and Fire Pension System, the major backer of the project, fired EDS and searched for a new operator.

Heise said he's not sure if there are legal grounds for the county to block the permit transfer.

"We're hoping that the DEQ and the EPA will listen to us and start the process over again," he

said. "It will give us new opportunities to have public hearings, and to determine whether the new operator is qualified to do the job."

Currently, the county along with the cities of Romulus and Taylor are in court challenging the EDS permit, and it's unclear how that could affect a new permitting process or a license transfer, Heise said.

Ron King, an attorney for the pension fund, did not return calls seeking comment about the waste removal or the opposition to the license transfer.

Death

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said Det. Joshua Monte, the lead investigator on the case. "He didn't do anything wrong."

Three men are now in custody and facing several charges for their alleged role in McAdoo's death. Brandon Lee Burkett, 18, of Taylor and Jamal Demeterius Sam, 17 and of Romulus, were charged with first-degree murder, assault with intent to murder and felony firearms at the 34th District Court in Romulus March 29.

A third teen, Anthony Harris, 17 and of Romulus, was charged as an accessory after the fact to murder for allegedly hiding the gun police believe was used to fatally wound McAdoo.

According to police, the scenario that led to the shooting played out during several hours on March 26. Monte said an argument over some girls led to a fight among several individuals near the apartments.

"The losers of the fight unfortunately came back and shot into at least two apartments," he said.

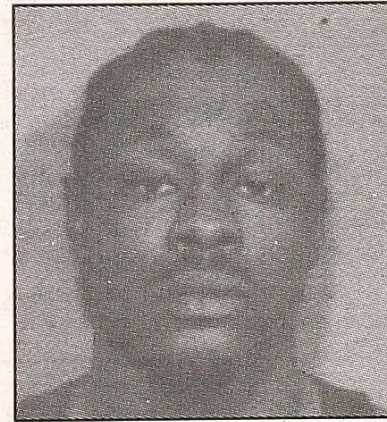
Police reports indicate that the shots came from a silver Dodge Charger, which sped by as bullets were fired from the front seat. Witnesses told police that another sedan was following close behind the Charger as the shots were fired, Monte indicated.

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but it makes you
sad when they do
something wrong.*

Det. Joshua Monte



Brandon Lee Burkett



Jamal Sam

After the shooting, Burkett and Sam allegedly drove to Harris' home, where he is accused of hiding the weapon, police said.

Witnesses to the shooting recognized Burkett and Sam, and tipped police off about their whereabouts. The men were taken into custody hours after the incident, and provided detailed, written confessions to the shooting to detectives, Monte said. Investigators also took possession of the murder weapon.

Family members of Burkett were present at the arraignment and openly wept as Judge David M. Parrott formally charged the men last week. They were too overcome with emotion to make any statements about the incident to the media after the proceeding.

There was a personal angle for officers who arrested one of the teens. Monte said Jamal Sam was a long-term member of the department Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) class.

"We've seen it before, but it

makes you sad when they do something wrong," he said.

Parrott ordered Burkett and Sam held without bond. In Michigan, first-degree murder is not a bondable offense.

If convicted, Burkett and Sam face a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole. Harris will face five years in prison if convicted of the accessory charge. Though Sam and Harris are 17 years old, they are being charged as adults.

All three men will return to the 34th District Court for a pre-trial exam on April 11.

OPINION

Ahead or behind?

Things must have settled down in the City of Westland. Among the issues the city council is now pondering is an ordinance that would penalize property owners for pushing or blowing snow into the street as they clear their walkways and driveways.

That snow joke.

Not only are they mulling over this issue just in time for spring, but they seem somewhat divided on it, too, with a portion of the council drifting to one side and members like Councilman Jim Godbout—who is making the push for the ordinance—forming a bank on the other.

This may be a pet peeve to many of us who don't like to see a just-plowed street sprinkled with replacement snow, but in all reality, this is something that would be impossible to enforce.

Worse, it could give fuel to the many little arguments we sometimes get into with our neighbors.

It's easy to picture some petty property owner watching an errant snowblower at work.

"Well, look who's breaking the snow law?" he would say, twirling his long handlebar mustache. "Mr. Loudspeakers and his 'You Shook Me All Night Long' crew."

Seriously, though, the idea behind this ordinance is a good one. Piles of snow pushed back into a freshly plowed street can cause traffic hazards—and it's unlikely that a city truck will come back through and clean up the mess we push back their way. They can be tough to navigate and show a certain short-sightedness.

Any legislator—local or otherwise—will tell you, though, that you can't legislate common sense or common courtesy, or, as it turns out the directional chute at the end of a snow blower.

If this issue does go forward, though, and comes to a vote of the council, we would like to see one additional question answered:

Who do we write a ticket to when a city truck piles a mound of impenetrable snow at the base of our freshly-cleared driveways?

Court decision 'fouls out'

Gymnasiums in the State of Michigan are about to get more crowded.

On Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that it would not hear an appeal from the Michigan High School Athletic Association on a 9-year-old gender equity suit.

The suit claimed that the state discriminated against some female athletes—basketball and volleyball players in particular—by scheduling their seasons at different times of the year than their male counterparts.

The Supreme Court refusal means that women's basketball will play during the same season as men, in the fall, not the spring.

The practical impact of this decision won't be felt for several months, but already it looks like something that will hinder a lot more students than it will help.

The change puts an additional strain on already scarce gymnasium space—at a time when school districts have had limited success in seeking additional tax revenue from voters to pay for expanded facilities.

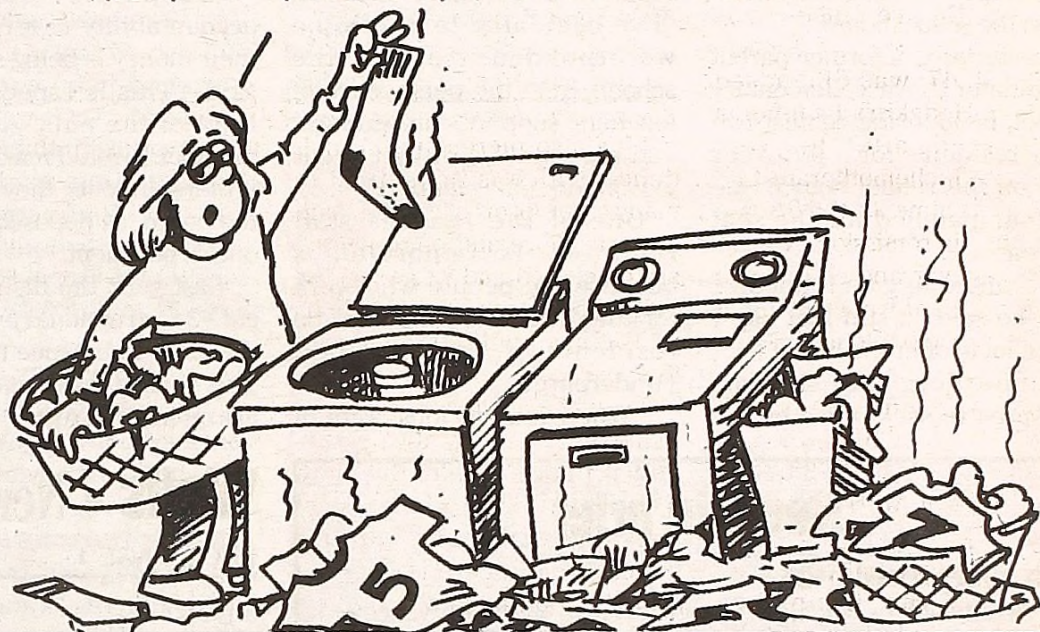
It will mean some athletes will have to choose between sports, rather than participate in both. The same will hold true for coaches and referees who took part in more than one type of athletic competition.

It will make it difficult for media outlets—particularly those with smaller staffs, like ours—to provide adequate, equal coverage to the many worthy stories that come out of high school athletic programs every year.

High school athletic directors—as well as representatives from the MHSAA—have expressed disappointment at the ruling, but also a resolve to make the best of the situation. That's good, since they don't

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THE SUPREME COURT'S DECISION ABOUT BOYS' & GIRLS' SPORTS SCHEDULES DOESN'T CHANGE EVERYTHING ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS ... !!



A 'dork' for a good cause

I sometimes get a little flack from my neighbors when I strap on a helmet to ride with my son, Henry, down to the park.

I suppose I may look a bit silly wearing it and riding down the sidewalk in the middle of the neighborhood, but I don't do it to look cool. I gave up that battle long ago.

There're a few reasons I do it, but it is mostly because I want him to wear one and I wouldn't feel right forcing him to do something that I won't do.

Besides, there's a good reason I want him to wear a helmet—it's safer.

It'd be easy for me to argue that nothing is going to happen in the middle of the sidewalk and that they boy knows enough to stop at corners and look both ways before crossing the street. I could tell myself it's an unnecessary step, but for an experience I had a few years ago.

I've long been fond of mountain biking and, between here and the Pacific Northwest, I've been on a few hair-raising trails. The worst spill I ever took, though, wasn't coming down some rocky slope and overshooting a tight s-curve; it was on a paved path that cut across a wind-swept Oregon meadow.

To this day I don't know exactly how it happened. One moment I was pedaling along between my apartment in Springfield, OR and classes at the University of Oregon in Eugene. It was a nice day—for once—windy, of course, and I was looking at the mighty Mackenzie River bellowing in a class three rapids by the path.

The next I was flat on my back, my bike wrapped bizarrely around my arm, looking up at a crystal blue sky. Somehow, my front brakes had locked up and I had flipped over the handlebars, bouncing my head off the path.

"Are you OK, man?" A homeless guy asked me in a voice hushed with concern. (The population of homeless people along the river was one of the reasons I learned to ride fast and keep my head down on the path).

"Uh, I think so," I answered. Nothing felt broken. I took off my helmet and stared in disbelief.

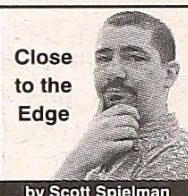
There was a quarter-sized dent in it, about half an inch deep. Not only had I landed on my head, I must've chipped the helmet on some kind of rock.

"That could've been your skull," the homeless guy said. "You should take it easy."

I assured him that I was all right and he rode back off to his camp in the woods.

That incident changed my mind about two things: the necessity for a bike helmet and my overall attitude about homeless people—at least in Oregon. Out of all of the people who rode by that day, he was the only one who stopped.

So I will probably go to the First Baptist Church in Wayne on Saturday, when the Wayne Police host a bike safety rodeo there. It's not because Henry needs the lesson or the free helmets they're handing out. I want to set an example. Even in a quiet neighborhood, it's sometimes better to be safe than sorry.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

A rose by any other name

Later this year, construction will begin on a 7,736 square-foot building on Haggerty Road in Canton Township.

Seventy percent of the structure—as well as a wall between the sidewalk and parking lot—will be made of brick. The rest of the building will be covered with EIFS, or "synthetic stucco."

In short, the building will represent everything that defines new construction in Canton Township for the past 10 years, except for one thing: the sign above the door will read "Super Fine Wines and Liquor."

It's a name which fostered chuckles from the crowd of lawyers and developers sitting behind business owner Andy Abro when he presented his request to the board of trustees last week. It's a name that prompted officials, though powerless to force Abro to change the name of his store, to point out in their own way that he isn't quite up to speed on Canton's modus operandi.

"It's none of my business, but hey, I have an opinion," said Supervisor Tom Yack. "I just wondered if

the name is going to do what you want it to do."

If what Abro wants to do is sell booze, one might argue the name will do just fine. He's also going after a refined crowd, and I don't think he'll have a problem when people learn about his store's selection. According to Abro's architect, Robert Cole, the man operates several reputable stores with some variation of the title on his liquor license—a license that forbids him to leave off the words "Super" or "Liquor" from his store signs.

The trustees approved the store, and Yack said later he merely asked the question as a gesture to Vic Gustafson, chairman of the planning commission, who registered his distaste for the name when it first came before commissioners last August.

Catherine Johnson and Ron Lieberman were two other commissioners to go on record to say that "Super Liquor" was, if not simply out of place in



Local ties

by Kevin Hill

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Walk will benefit cancer victims

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Milt Ezzard of Saline knows what it's like to live with lymphoma, which is the reason events like the 'Lymphomathon' in Belleville are close to his heart.

Ezzard, 47, was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2004 and, after he went through both chemotherapy and radiation treatments, the disease is currently in remission. Now, as both a survivor and co-chair of the walk, Ezzard wants others to join him in the battle against the disease.

The second annual 'Lymphomathon' 5K walk will take place on April 28 at the Lower Huron Metro Park in Belleville.

Mollie Michel, national walk director of the Lymphoma Research Foundation, said the most important aspect is to raise awareness about the disease.

"Lymphoma is one of the lesser-known cancers so we're raising not only awareness, but funds for research, along with celebrating survivorship, as well," she said. "This affects half a million Americans."

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modern Canton, then at least questionable business decision.

And while the sight of the shop amid the pristine setting of new hotels, a fitness center and Italian restaurant may be slightly unpalatable, it was something else entirely to behold Haggerty Road resident Dan McCausland take the podium and inform trustees that their vote on the store resigned his street and town to ruin.

"I don't care what you say. I don't care how it's clean, I don't care how it's nice, I don't care what it is, it's a liquor store," he said. "We can go back and look on Woodward in Detroit and Hudson's was built on stone and

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Like all cancers, it gets more and more resistant to treatment and 50 percent of people have the gene to trigger it. But the question is why do people get it?

Milt Ezzard

"It's also increasing in incidence, which is in contrast to many other forms of cancer," said Ezzard. "More and more people are diagnosed and it is expected that more than 2,000 individuals in Michigan will be diagnosed this year."

Lymphoma, which is a cancer in the blood, is generally not contained in one area of the body. Ezzard's type of lymphoma is not considered curable, but he's hopeful that a cure is possible someday soon, he said.

"I was able to get myself in to remission, but virtually every case relapses," said Ezzard. "Like all cancers, it gets more and more resistant to treatment and 50 percent of people have the gene to trigger it. But the question is, why do people get it?"

His personal experience lead

to his work with the foundation, events and interest in funding research to find a cure, he said.

Last year, the walk generated more than \$40,000. Ezzard said that the goal this year will be \$50,000.

"The hope is at least 200 walkers," he said. "Belleville is accessible to many in the Detroit area and, the park is beautiful this time of the year."

Registration will start at 9 a.m. with the walk to follow at 10 a.m. There is no registration fee, but as a pledged based event, walkers are encouraged to raise a minimum of \$100 to receive a t-shirt and, \$250 to get a fleece blanket. It's a way to thank participants, according to the organization.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for corporate and community teams, too.

Corporate sponsors can give a

general donation and will be recognized publicly during the event.

"We raise about \$1.5 million nationwide with all the walks year-round," said Michel.

All proceeds will go toward patient support, education of the disease and to the Lymphoma Research Foundation, which funds the treatments for the disease and support for those affected by lymphoma.

For more information about the Lymphomathon, to register or to donate, visit www.lymphomathon.org or call 1 (800) 235-6848.

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have much choice in the matter. We're sure that, dedicated professionals that they are, they'll come up with some kind of solution that will work.

We don't think it will work out as well as the current system, though, which has resulted in a solid participation in women's sports throughout local high schools. This looks more like a victory for a few at the expense of many.

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Reviewed By
Scott Spielman
Editor

Film leaves adult viewers cold

If the goal of Walt Disney's *Meet the Robinsons* is to make a fun film that will appeal to all ages, the producers didn't quite get there.

The film follows the adventures of a protagonist who's likeable enough: Lewis (voiced by Jordan Fry), a creative youngster who is continually coming up with zany inventions.

Abandoned as an infant by his mother, Lewis is continually

striking out at adoption interviews as he's coming up with his new contraptions. It's his latest, a memory scanner, that has attracted some attention—from the future, no less.

A quirky evil-doer known only as Bowler Hat Guy (his real identity is revealed late in the movie, of course) travels back in time to sabotage Lewis' experiment, steal it and then claim it for his own, with the aid of his sinister

hat, which is also known as Doris.

Another time traveler, this one a youngster named Wilbur (Wesley Singerman) shows up to help Lewis, though, and transports him to the future. That's where he meets the weirdest family ever seen on screen, the Robinsons.

In the meantime, Wilbur promises to take Lewis back to the time when his mother left

Kid's corner

I really liked this movie. It was very funny. It was made by the same people who did 'Cars,' you know.

It's about a boy named Lewis who is trying to find his family.

He meets another boy named Wilbur who takes him to the future.

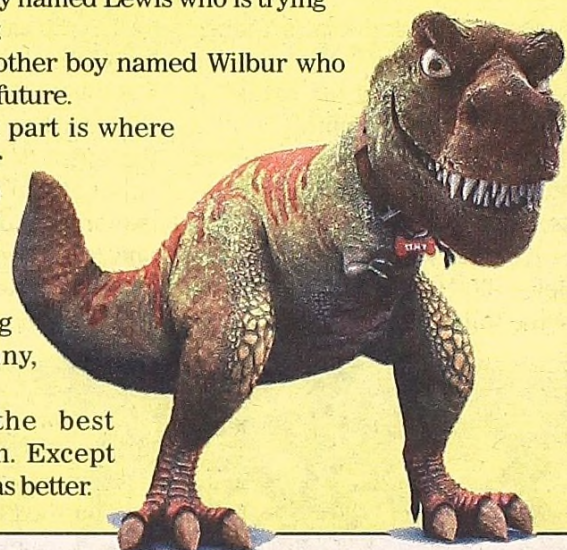
The funniest part is where the dinosaur couldn't get to him because, "I have a big head and little arms." The singing frogs were funny, too.

This was the best movie I've seen. Except for Cars. That was better.



Kid's Corner

by Henry Spielman



him at the orphanage if he can fix the time machine and put everything back into its proper place. The story gets a little chaotic from there, rushing-in several directions at once as it attempts to introduce us to the family and make it seem like Lewis belongs there rather than in the past.

Grown ups will find it all rather predictable. The jokes aimed at their level fall a little flat. Younger audiences will probably get a kick out of the animation, the food fights and the nasty-turned-silly T-Rex, 'Tiny.'

If adults go to this hoping to be entertained, here's some advice: bring a book or take a nap.



Tours of Comerica Park are offered

A second annual behind-the-scenes glimpse of Comerica Park is sure to be a hit with baseball fans throughout the area.

At 11a.m. on April 14, baseball fans will have the opportunity to access many areas traditionally off-limits to all but a select few people. Included on the guided tour will be the visitors' clubhouse, one of the dugouts, the Champions Club, and the Ernie Harwell Media Center. The tour will double as a fundraiser for the Detroit Historical Society.

According to Tracy Smith, director of exhibitions and programs for the Detroit Historical Society, Comerica Park staff

members who "know everything about the park" will present the tours.

The tour will be of the current ballpark, but details about the park will also be supplemented by information about the Detroit Tigers ball club beginning in its earliest days.

"Last year, I had about 80 people," she said. "I think people are mostly wowed by just being in these areas."

The second annual event has drawn the interest of sports fans of all ages too, Smith said. The tour is not recommended for children younger than 10, who could become bored by the lecture and

question-and-answer aspects of the tour. With the exception of the dugout, Smith said that all of the stops on the tour should be wheelchair accessible.

The Detroit Historical Society is also trying to secure the permissions necessary for a behind-the-scenes tour of the now-vacant Tiger Stadium.

For more information, visit www.detroithistorical.org or call (313) 833-1405. Tickets are \$20 for members of the Detroit Historical Society and \$25 for non-members; they may be purchased on the website. An additional \$6 parking fee will also apply.



Comerica Park

Test car

Belleville High School students win college engineering experience contest

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Dustin Zak and Travis Walker, seniors at Belleville High School, didn't realize they the extent of their car building abilities until they were named the winners of the University of Michigan engineering experience contest.

Recently, students from Belleville High School competed in the university engineering and

computer science contest to test their engineering skills and increase their math knowledge.

This is the second year that the College of Engineering and Computer Science at University of Michigan Dearborn has hosted the event designed to help high school juniors and seniors explore the fields of engineering and computer science.

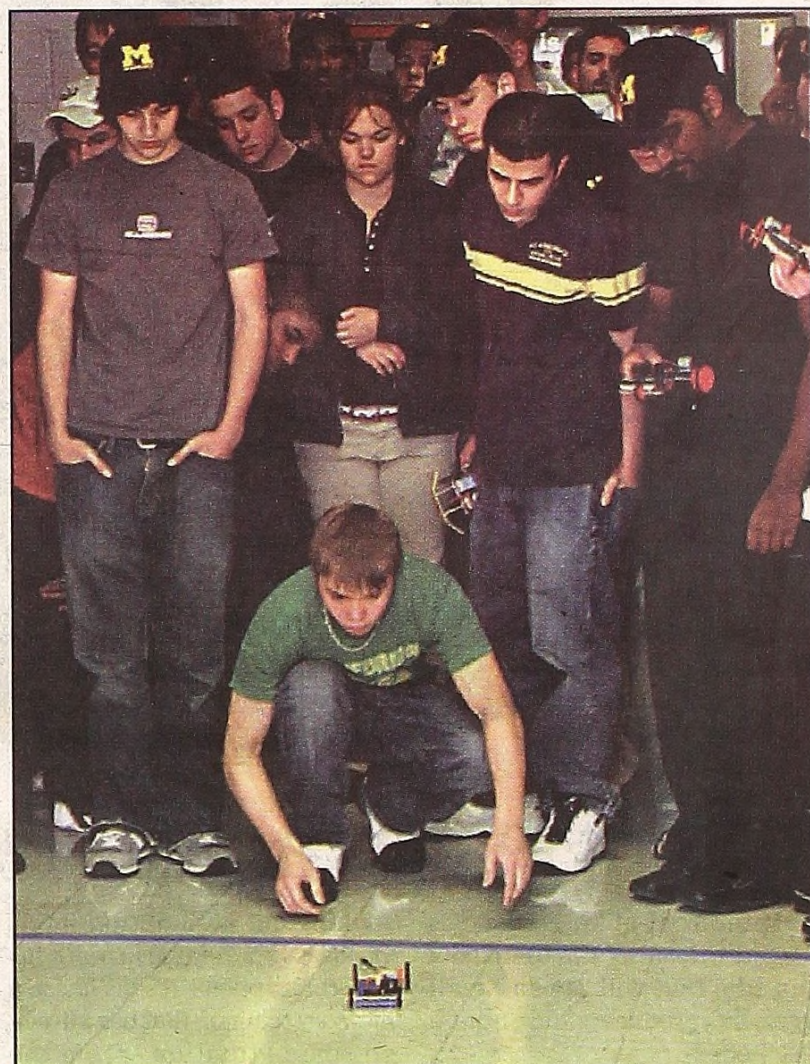
"It's a great experience to give students a chance to see what life

will be like after high school and, to have that hands-on experience, too," said Aaron Lang, mathematics teacher at Belleville High School and sponsor of the event.

This year, 10 students participated in the competition including: Tom Cast, Peter Raymond, Steve Sherman, Nick Watson, Brian Zantop, Aaron Gage, Passionaire Green, Natalie Langenderfer, Zak and Walker. Teams of two students used interdisciplinary engineering concepts to design and construct a car. The cars were then judged by the distance they could travel.

"We constructed a car after being provided wheels, engines and an electrical circuit," said Raymond, a fourth place winner and senior at the high school. "We connected and soldered the wires, along with constructing the frame for our vehicle. All the different variables when creating the car allowed for endless possibilities in the design."

"These students only had a couple of hours to construct these after a quick lesson," said Lang. "It's amazing what they created, accomplished and thought of after going up against kids who have engineering at their high



Dustin Zak races his entry during the U of M Engineering and Computer Science Experience contest as other students look on.



Belleville High School students who participated in the recent engineering contest included (from left to right, back row) teacher Aaron Lang, Tom Cast, Brian Zantop, Passionaire Green, Peter Raymond, Natalie Langenderfer, Steve Sherman and Travis Walker. In the front row are Aaron Gage, Dustin Zak and Nick Watson.

school."

First place winners Zak and Walker were awarded \$1,000 scholarships to U of M Dearborn, while Sherman and Green won third place and a \$100 gift certificate each.

"The neat thing about it is these students were already planning to go to U of M Dearborn, but

now they're also going in to engineering," said Lang.

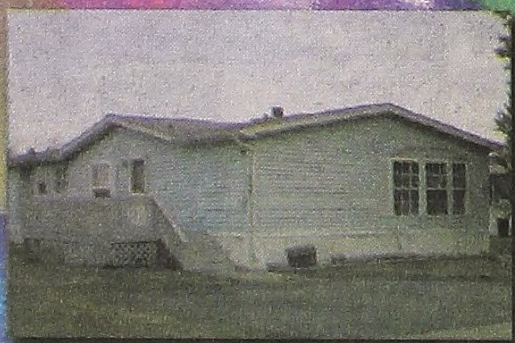
"This is a tremendous honor for this school and this community," he added. "Despite the lack of resources, our students still had power to perform an amazing accomplishment without the practice or the class and distinction. I am so proud of them."

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Allison Holmes registered 10 strikeouts in game two of a doubleheader against South Lyon last Wednesday. The Lady 'Stangs won both games—7-0 in game one and 5-1 in game two. Photo by Diana Birdsall

Northville Mustangs: Hurlers start season strong

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Northville softball coach Teryn Chrzanowski wanted to start this season the way the team ended the last one—on a hot streak.

It looks like she got her wish. The Lady Mustangs started the new season with a doubleheader sweep of the South Lyon Lions at home last Wednesday. The 'Stangs out-raced the Lions, 7-0, in the first game and 5-1 in the second.

The offense was alive right off the bat in the early game.

Emma Wise went 2-3 with a triple. Kirstyn Wildey added a triple and Allison Holmes added a double. Jenna Dumbleton, Elise Fleishaker, Kelsey Whelan, and Brittany Birdsall each added singles.

"The girls played great today," Chrzanowski said last week. "They were all crushing the ball. There were a ton of line shots into the outfield. South Lyon's outfielders made some great plays to rob our girls of some hits. This team truly was a hitting machine today and the plan is for them to continue their aggressiveness throughout the season."

Fleishaker hit a one-out single to get things rolling for Northville. Wise knocked her in with a triple. Wise scored on a passed ball to make it 2-0.

Wise also ripped a single in the third to score Allyse Moore—courtesy runner for

Dumbleton, who got on with a single. Fleishaker moved Moore to second with a sacrifice bunt and Moore got to third on a wild pitch before scoring. Northville made it out of the third with a 2-0 advantage.

In the fourth, Wildey crushed a triple to score Kelsey Lewis and herself when the throw from the outfield rolled into the dugout, giving her the

Defensively the girls were awesome. We only had one error in two games and it didn't end up hurting us at all.

extra base. Northville led 5-0 at the end of the inning.

Northville made it a 7-0 game when Brittany Birdsall drilled a single, scoring both Sarah Rounsifer and Whelan after the two base runners previously pulled off a double steal to get to second a third respectively.

The offense didn't have a problem rallying behind solid defense and the pitching of junior Dumbleton, who pitched a three-hitter with only one walk. She also sat down 14 batters to earn the win. That carried over to the second game

where Holmes hurled a 10-strikeout, three-hitter with one error and one walk.

"Defensively the girls were awesome," Chrzanowski said. "We only had one error in two games and it didn't end up hurting us at all. Communication was great, Jenna and Allison were in the groove and Sarah called two great games behind the plate. It was a wonderful way to start the season."

The offense fed off of the first-game showing, too.

It was the sixth inning that tamed the Lions. Rounsifer led off with a triple. Birdsall knocked her in on a one-out single. Holmes followed with a single that moved Birdsall into scoring position. Kelsey Lewis hit into a fielders' choice to score Birdsall and make it 3-0. With two outs, Wildey was walked. Birdsall and Wildey advanced on a passed ball with Alex Kaszuba at the plate. Then Kaszuba blasted a solid single to score the runners and to make it a 5-0 game.

Rounsifer scored Northville's first run off Birdsall's single at the bottom of the third with one out.

South Lions only run came at the top of the seventh inning in the second game.

Northville heads to Wayne after Spring Break for a 4 p.m. contest on Wednesday, April 18 and host Plymouth at 4 p.m. on April 20 and Novi at 10 a.m. on April 21.

Time for change Supreme Court refuses to hear MHSAA suit

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Change is never easy.

Athletes, athletics directors, coaches, parents and media now have some additional choices, plenty of them to make.

The United States Supreme Court denied a certiorari request by the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) in a gender equity lawsuit nine years in the making. The ruling will force Michigan schools to make drastic scheduling changes, starting with the 2007-08 sports seasons.

The biggest impact will be swapping the girls' basketball season from fall with the girls' volleyball season in the winter. This will pit the girls' and boys' hoops against one another in the winter.

Boys' golf will move from fall to spring and girls' from spring to fall. Tennis will also change with the girls playing in spring and the boys in the fall, starting next season.

Michigan is the only state to play volleyball in the winter and one of two to play girls basketball outside of winter—Hawaii plays girls' basketball in the spring. The MHSAA said the purpose for the different seasons between the boys and girls was to maximize participation.

As a result, Michigan was third

in the nation as far as girl participation in sports all together and third in girl basketball participation and is believed to be one of the top recruited states for the sport in the nation.

The Communities for Equity, a Michigan-based, multi-issue, volunteer-driven, advocacy organization, saw things differently and filed suit in 1998 saying female high school athletes, mainly volleyball players, were being discriminated against and were not granted the same scholarship opportunities as athletes in the other states.

Lower courts sided with the organization in 2001 but the fight continued as the MHSAA sought appeals that landed the case at the doorstep of the Supreme Court.

Officials with the MHSAA said they are disappointed with the decision.

"Now is the time for our schools to step up and work with the decision of the Court to continue to maximize the quantity and quality of interscholastic athletic participation opportunities for young people in our state," read a statement from the organization.

The decision could force multiple-sport athletes to choose between sports. For example, winter volleyball players that had the

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Rockin'

Salem midfielder Rachel Gizicki (19) races against a South Lyon defender to make a move on the ball in the Lady Rocks' 4-3 victory over the Lions last week. Senior forward and captain Kelly Adsit led the team with two goals. Junior midfielder Katie Shull had three assists in the game. Photo by Ken Garner

SPORTS



Standout

Chelsey Quinlan (second from right) of Plymouth High School was honored as a recipient of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Award at the 2007 MHSAA Boys Basketball Finals at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing on March 23. Shown with Quinlan are: (from left) Wayne Wood, president of the Michigan Farm Bureau Family of Companies; Jim Robinson, executive vice-president of Farm Bureau Insurance; and John E. "Jack" Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA. Quinlan will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from Farm Bureau Insurance to be used at the institution of higher learning she attends this fall. Farm Bureau Insurance awarded 32 scholarships, proportionately by school classification to students with 3.50 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) grade point average who have previously lettered in at least one sport in which post-season competition is sponsored by the MHSAA. (Photo by Jim Hastings Photography, Haslett, Mich.)

MHSAA

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opportunity to swim or run cross-country in the fall and/or play golf in the spring will have to choose. Also, coaches that participate in both boys and girls basketball programs will have to make choices.

Small media outlets, without the resources to cover both programs, will also be forced to decide which gender to cover. The difference in media coverage concerning the NCAA, men's and women's basketball tournament is a prime example, according to Wayne Athletics Director Greg Ambrose.

The change has sent ripples of discontent throughout the sports communities in Michigan.

"I'm a little disappointed with the decision," Ambrose said. "Things shouldn't change just because everyone else does something. This was all brought about because a few people thought it was a disadvantage for some athletes. The reality is that very few athletes will receive Division 1 scholarships. They made a change that affects every one just for the advantage of a few."

Another issue is the scheduling. Six basketball teams—freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams for both boys and girls—will have to share gym space for practices and games. Most schools don't have the space to accommodate.

"It's going to be a challenge

here at the (Plymouth-Canton Education) Park," said Sue Heinzman, athletics director at Canton High School. "We don't have enough court space. I have to talk with our superintendent and tell him we don't have enough space. Some tough decisions will have to be made."

By this time of the year most of the schedules for this fall and winter have already been drafted, resulting in complete retooling of next year's seasons.

"We will have to be very creative in scheduling and finding enough room for everybody to be able to practice," said Bryan Masi, athletics director at Northville High School. "We will have to revisit fall schedules and see what we can do."

Even with shrinking school budgets doubtfull any affects the changes will have any affect on costs—travel, referees, etc, Masi said.

Communities for Equity did not have an official statement at press time. But if its original change comes to fruition, the decision could help expose female participants to more scholarship opportunities, resulting in more college-bound student athletes.

Regardless, there will be many challenges faced by area schools but athletics directors are up to.

"Will it get done?" Ambrose said. "Yeah. Making the changes is disappointing but we'll still do our jobs and be professional about it."

Whalers move to second round

The Plymouth Whalers will play the Kitchener Rangers in a best-of-seven Ontario Hockey League Western Conference Semi-Final playoff series, starting Friday at 7:05 pm at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Plymouth and Kitchener swept their respective first-round playoff series.

Plymouth (49-14-2-3, 103 points, second in the Western Conference) swept the seventh-seeded Guelph Storm in four

games. Kitchener (47-17-1-3, 98 points, third in the Western Conference) swept the sixth-seeded Sarnia Sting in four games.

Kitchener and Plymouth battled through four games during the regular season, with each team winning a game in regulation and Kitchener winning one game in a shootout and the other in overtime.

Game 1 – 7: 05 pm on Friday, April 6 at Plymouth

Game 2 – 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 8 at Kitchener

Game 3 – 7:05 pm on Tuesday, April 10 at Plymouth

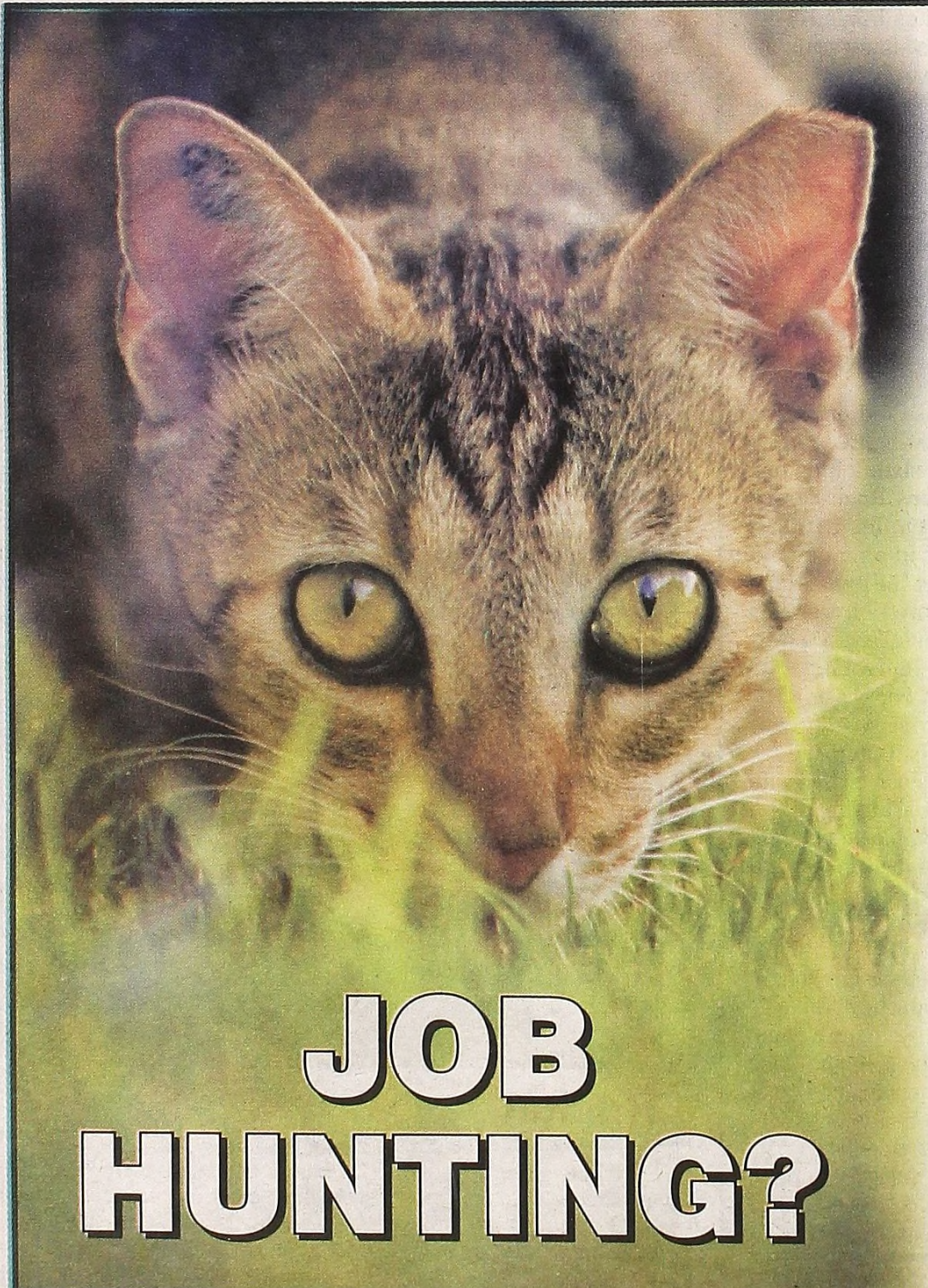
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Belleville's senior shortstop tags a Truman runner out at second in the Tigers' 2-0 victory at home on Friday. Belleville lost the second game of the doubleheader, 8-5, but went on to beat Mega Red Rivals Monroe, 3-1, at home on Monday night.

Tiger softball beats rival Monroe

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It doesn't happen very often, according to Belleville Softball Coach Peggy Curtis, but when her Lady Tigers beat rival Monroe she'll take it.

The veteran coach has played against the Trojans since 1984, and it never gets any easier.

"Monroe is my nemesis," she said. "If there is ever a game where everything goes wrong in it for us it's usually against Monroe."

Not this time. Everything went as expected when the two Mega Red teams took to Belleville's home field on Monday. The pitching was tough and the hits were rare but the Lady Tigers strung together four of their five hits in the sixth inning to pull out a 3-1 victory.

The game came down to the strength of Belleville's seniors.

Lacey Marcotte got on base on a fielder's choice with two outs and Brandi Craig drilled a single. Then top slugger Jasmine

"Blue" Haralson crushed a double out to the warning track, driving Marcotte and Craig home for a 2-0 lead. Sophomore Samantha Cole ripped a single to bring Haralson around and make it a 3-0 game.

At the top of the seventh, Monroe's lead-off hitter scored an unearned run to cut into the lead, 3-1. From there, Belleville's defense got the job done.

Up until the sixth inning it was a pitching duel. Both sides sat down 10 batters before Belleville got hot. Cole finished with 10 Ks after pitching a complete game one-hitter with one walk for the Lady Tigers. She is now 3-0 on the season.

"The pitching in the Mega Red is so strong that there's not going to be many hits and runs scored in games," Curtis said. "Blue and Craig got things going for us in this game."

Junior Kendall Acho was the only batter with two hits for Belleville.

"It's a big win for us," Curtis said. "Monroe wins the league most years but I

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Swamped

The Detroit Ignition's inaugural season ended on a soggy note when the visiting Chicago Storm drenched the team's spark, 12-13 on Sunday. Worth Sampson led the team with two goals. The loss thwarted the Ignition's run to capture first-place standings in the League. They settled for second and will open the first round of the Major Indoor Soccer League Championship Series on Saturday, April 14 against a yet undetermined opponent. Detroit will host the second game at 4:35 pm on Sunday April 15 at the Compuware sports Arena. It wasn't a bad week. Sampson led the Ignition with two goals, including the winner at 12:15 of the fourth quarter, to beat host Philadelphia KiXX, 10-9, on Saturday. Above Detroit forward Hewerton Moreira makes a move on Chicago's Mariano Bollella (9).

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Tigers

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told the girls (before the game) that we would match up well against them. I feel good where we're at right now."

The team is 4-1 overall and 1-0 in the Red.

The Tigers' only loss was to a visiting Taylor Truman in the late game of a double-header on Friday.

Cole earned the win in the first game. She pitched an eight-strikeout one-hitter with one walk for the 2-0 win.

Both runs were scored in the fourth frame. Senior Hillary Ivan knocked Cole in with a single and junior Danielle Stabenau scored on a wild pitch.

Stabenau, who had not planned on pitching this season, stepped in for an

injured Casey Porzondek, gave up eight runs in the fourth inning of the second game. Her Tigers rallied for five runs in the fifth but that would be how the game finished.

Haralson was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Cole dealt 14 strikeouts for a no-hitter in the first game against Lincoln Park to get Belleville the 3-0 victory last Wednesday.

On offense, Marcotte was a powerhouse, going 3-for-3. She also laid down two stolen bases. Haralson was 2-for-3 with an RBI. Craig was good for a triple and an RBI and Jessica Kovach offered up an RBI.

In the second game, Stabenau struck out four and walked eight to help get Belleville a 10-3 win. She was also 2-for-3 at bat.

Belleville scored eight of its runs in the second inning. Haralson was 2-for-3 with an RBI and angel Matthews was 2-for-2.

Belleville is off until after Spring Break when they host Trenton at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD MARCH 12, 2007 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Randolph Gear. **Present:** John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, Clerk

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-067

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held March 5, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes- Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. No Petitioners.

4. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously,

07-068

5A. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation of the Public Safety Director Charles Kirby and adopt a resolution to grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Taylor Firearms Range Agreement from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-069

5B. Motion by Barden, supported by Bragg to concur with the recommendation of Department of Public Works Director, Tom Wilson and adopt a resolution designating Thomas Wilson as the official party authorized to execute annual maintenance permits from Wayne County.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-070

5C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and DPW Director, Tom Wilson and authorize the participation in the 2007-2008 Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network (MITN) Salt Bid.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-071

5D. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to extend Bid 05/06-25, marked Police Vehicle Changeovers for two (2) vehicles to Priority One Emergency in the amount of \$14,532.66.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadswrth.
Nays - None.

CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED FY 2007/2008 BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held Monday, May 7, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485 for the purpose of discussing the FY 2007/2008 Budget, including **"The Property Tax Millage Rate Proposed To Be Levied To Support The Proposed Budget Will Be a Subject of This Hearing."** Said Budget is available for inspection in the Clerk's office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m and 5:00 p.m.

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Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-072

5E. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway, and DPW Director, Tom Wilson to authorize the purchase of 160 radio readers in the amount of \$12,800 and 116 1" meters complete with readers in the amount of \$31,948 from the sole source vendor, SLC Meter Services, Inc.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-073

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 06/07-17, to cover covert police operations and cellular bills through the end of the budget year, introduced at the Council meeting of March 5, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-074

6A2. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to schedule a public hearing on Demolition List 06-01, to be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, 48174 on April 23, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., for the purpose of taking testimony on demolition, of structures and removal of all debris at the following addresses:

- 1). 6117 Carnegie, residential structure & accessory structures
- 2). 28425 Eureka, 2-section wood frame barn.
- 3). 8253 Farnum, charred remains of a residential structure & garage.
- 4). 6580 Merriman, residential structure
- 5). 6679 Merriman, residential structure & garage.
- 6). 27504 Newcastle, residential structure, garage & accessory structure.
- 7). 30105 Smith, fire damaged residential structure & garage.
- 8). 28661 Van Born, commercial structure.
- 9). 37545 Van Born, commercial structure & accessory structure.

Further, to authorize the Building Department to let bids for a demolition Contractor.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-075

11. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to authorize the City Treasurer to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 07-05 in the grand total amount of Three Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand, One Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars and Ninety Five Cents. (388,137.95).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Crova.
Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respecttly submitted,
Linda R. Choate, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, City Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held March 12, 2007.

Linda R Choate, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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1. Obituaries



CLARK, Curtis Neal, age 44, died March 20, 2007. He was born June 20, 1962. Curtis leaves to cherish his memory, he beloved father and mother, Leroy and Doris Clark; life-long friend, Anita; a loving and devoted goddaughter, LeShaunte, who affectionately called him "Daddy Curtis"; three sisters, Pamela (Solomon Jr.), Janine and Debra (Rick); six brothers, Fred (Juanita), Gary (Cheryl), Larry (Deborah), Ernest, Kenneth and Brian (Icy); nieces and nephews, Marie, ShaRhonda (Tony), Chere', Terri, Adam, Ernest, Jr., Angela, Riane, Brandon, Chelsea, Demarko; great nieces and nephews, Da'Shawndra, Joshua, Chan'te, DeShawn, DeAndre' and Harmonnee; sisters-in-law, Linda and Betty; two college classmates and friends for life, Vic Haynes and Vincent Humphrey and a host of friends and relatives. Funeral services were held at Womack Temple C.M.E. Church with Rev. Zachary E. Easterly officiating. Interment was at Knollwood Cemetery. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



CROUCH, Eugene, age 79, died March 18, 2007. He was born May 7, 1927. A strong but gentle man, Eugene leaves to cherish his memory Barzell, his loving wife of 53 years; seven children, Alex (Brenda) Moody of Detroit, MI, Alvin of Columbus, GA, Loretta (Harold) Johnson of Inkster, MI, Renea (Mark) Wiley of Ypsilanti, MI, Gregory (Angie) Crouch of New Boston, MI, Lisa Smith of Westland, MI and Larry Crouch of Belleville, MI; three sisters, Annie Morris of Poughkeepsie, NY, Sarah Hardaway and Ruby Crouch of Detroit, MI; two brothers, Oscar (Evelyn) Crouch of Southfield, MI and Walker Crouch of Detroit, MI; seven grandchildren, Tracey and Letrice Moody, Gregory Crouch, Jr., Devin Smith, Tony Smith II, Davina

Crouch and Corey Crouch; three great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at First Missionary Baptist Church with interment at United Memorial Gardens. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



HISTER, Tommie Jr., age 62, died March 17, 2007. He was born March 23, 1944. He leaves to cherish his memory, two sons, Anthony Taylor of Ypsilanti, MI and Eugene Hister of Westland, MI; one grandson, Amonte; four brothers, Genemar (Lavern) Hister of Westland, MI, Eugene (Aekyong) Hister of Graham, WA, Amor (Lera) Hister of Inkster, MI and Steve Hister of Detroit, MI; five sisters, Ruthie Hister, Dorothy (Johnny) Viel, Vivian (Donald) Milan, all of Inkster, MI, Wilmer (Theodore) Wimberly of Ann Arbor, MI and Annie Hister of Westland, MI, plus a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Ned Hargress officiating. Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

HAUSCH, MaryAnn, Age 87, died March 23, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Victor. Loving mother of Victor (Rick) McCallum, Michael (Norma), Lawrence (Judy), and Susan (Stephen) Peliter. Grandmother of 8 and Great Grandmother of 25. A Funeral Mass was held at St Mary Catholic Church in Wayne. Mrs. Hausch was laid to rest at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Final arrangements were entrusted to Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

JOHNSON, Ernest, age 89 of Wayne, died March 30, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Myrtle Johnson and the late Ethel Link Johnson. Dear father of Ernest Jr., Wanda and the

late Steve. Step father of Patty Williams, Allan, Judy and Ken Link. Brother of Annie Bowman, Ray Johnson and Gladys Davis. Also survived by many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland with the Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Interment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery West, Westland.



LEE, Nico Martell, age 17, died March 14, 2007. He was born January 5, 1990. Nico leaves to cherish his memory, his mother LaTrease Moore; his father, Melvin Shields; his stepfather Maurice Moore; grandparents, Jenny Bailey, Charles Lee and Annie and Freeman Shields; five aunts, Regina Miller, Lacydia Reese, Deborah King, Annette (Tracey) Sewell and Katrina Shields; two uncles, Freeman (Sonja) Shields and Michael Shields; eight brothers, Christian Lee, Miche'l Lee, Maurice Washington, Melvin Shields, Jr., Kelvin Shields, Jordan Shields, Christopher Shields and Max Shields; four sisters, Lakiesha Moore, Brandi Moore, Adirenne Shields and Melina Shields; and nephew Evan Lee. Funeral services were held at Christ Temple Apostolic Church with Elder Luke A. McClendon, Jr. officiating. Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



PICKENS, Candice J. (Pinky), age 56, died March 18, 2007. She was born March 1, 1951. Ms. Pickens leaves to cherish her memory, her son Miguel Jason Miller; her mother, Georgia R. Miller five sisters, Sheryl (Maurice) Bell, Rozella A. Moss, Kimberly Miller, Sheila Daniels and

Michelle Turner; four brothers, Arthello Miller, Gary (Debra) Miller, Richard (Crystal) Miller and Lawrence Miller; four aunts, Rosemary Steele, Barbara (Clarence) Gilreath, Genevive Hubbard and Ernestine Miller, plus a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Funeral services were held at Pentecostal Temple COGIC with Bishop Isaac King, Jr. officiating. Interment was at United Memorial Gardens. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



WOODS, Sam Barnett, age 75, died March 16, 2007. He was born April 12, 1931. Mr. Woods leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife Jeanette Woods; one sister, Zelda Foster; one son, Vinson Woods; two daughters, Tania Quinn and Irma (Calvin) Witherspoon; three granddaughters, Monica Williams, Tia Williams and Courtney Quinn; one great granddaughter, Imani Quinn, and a host of nieces, nephews, relative and friends. Funeral services were held at Union Grove Baptist Church with Pastor John J. Cole, Sr. officiating. Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

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Sweet treat

23rd Annual Marshmallow Drop planned for tomorrow

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

Children of all ages will be watching the sky carefully tomorrow morning, waiting for the 23rd Annual Marshmallow Drop.

The free event, which is sponsored by the Wayne County Parks Department, will take place at 11 a.m. tomorrow in Nankin Mills Park, which is located in Westland along Hines Drive.

"This has become the kick-off event for our spring season," said Wayne County Parks spokesperson Beth Mabry. "It's become a tradition for families and kids to come out. We're expecting probably about 2,000 kids."

The event itself, she said, is fairly simple. High above the park, about 20,000 marshmallows will rain down from a helicopter

and then children, divided by age, will have their chance to scramble for confections. The age groups will be 4 and younger, 5-7 and 8 and older.

Afterward, marshmallows can be redeemed for a special treat, but there is only one treat per child regardless of how many marshmallows are collected.

"We try to keep it fair," said Mabry.

Families for whom the event is a yearly event may notice one change this year, Mabry said.

"This year, we're going to have a DJ," she said. "We wanted to give it a little more of a party atmosphere."

Numerous other treats and special activities are planned, Mabry said, including a visit from the Easter Bunny and a Charlotte's Web contest.

According to Mabry, the planned activities require less than two hours at the most. However, she said that families often use it as a day in the park by packing a lunch and heading to the nearby playgrounds after the event.

The marshmallow drop is co-sponsored by Clear Channel Radio, DTE Energy, ITCT Transmission, and Morley Candy Makers.

The Nankin Mills area is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail. Access to the site from the east, including the Merriman Road entrance to the park, tends to be cut off by flooding when it rains heavily. However, the park remains accessible from the Ann Arbor Trail entrance, located just east of Wayne Road. The event will



Thousands of marshmallows were dropped from a helicopter to waiting children at the event last year.

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Last year, the Easter Bunny visited with youngsters at the Wayne County event.



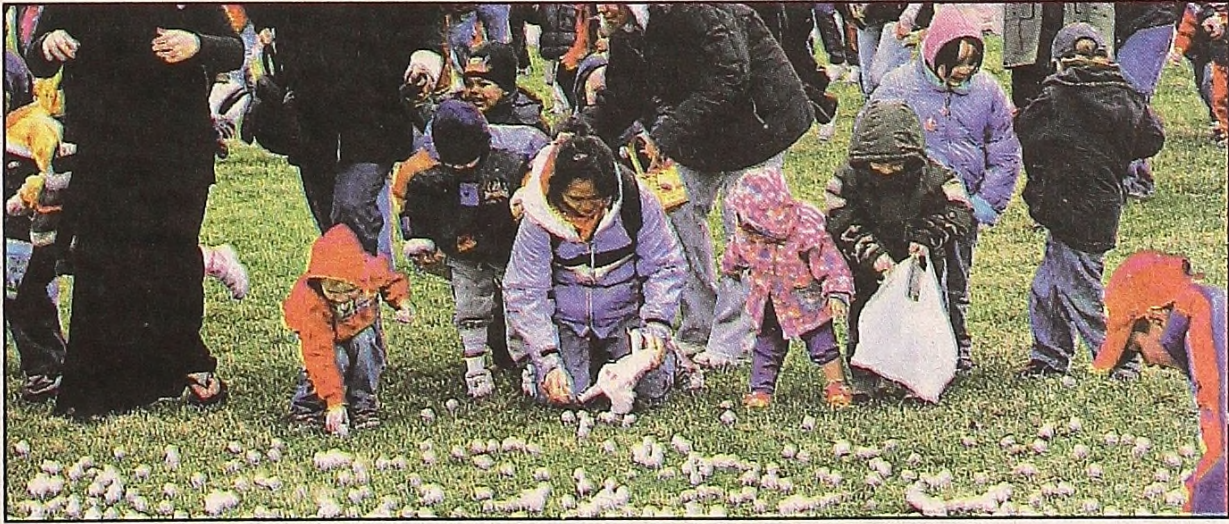
Hundreds of children enjoyed the annual marshmallow drop in Van Buren Township last Saturday.



Children only needed to collect one marshmallow to turn in for free Easter prizes.



When the marshmallows landed, the crowds took off last year near Nankin Mills in Westland.



After a pancake breakfast, the marshmallows came flying down from the sky for children and family members to collect last week in Van Buren Township.

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